

MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Steering Committee on Homelessness
FROM: HomeBase
RE: Federal Budget Timelines
DATE: February 18, 2011

Federal Budget 2011

Congress was unable to pass funding prior to October 1, 2010, which began the FY 2011 budget. Since October, Congress has passed multiple stopgap funding measures aimed at funding the government largely at FY 2010 levels while final budgets for FY 2011 are created. In December 2010, Senate leadership attempted to pass an omnibus bill that would complete the FY 2011 appropriations process prior to the close of the 111th Congress; however, they were unable to garner enough support to pass the measure. Congress must either pass a budget for FY 2011 or another stopgap funding measure prior to the expiration of the current measure on March 4, 2011.

On February 11, 2011, due in large part to Tea Party pressure, House Republican leaders proposed a cut the budget by \$100 billion. That proposal went to the House floor for debate on February 15, 2011. House members have added over 400 additional amendments to cut the budget even further.

Federal Budget 2012

On Monday, February 15, 2011, the White House released its proposal for the FY 2012 budget. The Obama Administration is seeking a 23.4% increase of targeted homeless assistance funding from the FY 2010 levels.

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